

# **Categorical Exclusion**

## **NV Energy Napa Ridge N-85070 & N-85070-01**

### **A. Background**

DOI-BLM-NV-S010-2015-0005-CX

NV Energy is a private corporation with a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity issued by the Public Utilities Commission of Nevada to provide electric service in the certificated area of Clark County and a portion of Nye County. The company currently occupies and manages 1,100+ BLM rights-of-way in the States of Nevada, Utah, and Arizona.

#### **BLM Office:**

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#### **Lease/Serial/Case File No.:**

N-85070/A/ N-85070-01

#### **Proposed Action Title/Type:**

Right-of-Way (ROW) for the installation of electrical facilities to construct, maintain, and terminate a 15kV electrical distribution system to service Napa Ridge Unit 5 Phase 2, a new subdivision. A Short term right-of-way is also needed to accommodate the construction of the 15kV distribution system.

#### **Location of Proposed Action:**

Located near the intersection of Cougar Avenue and Crystal Basin Road.

M.D.M. T. 22 S., R. 60 E. sec. 14 NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ .

#### **Description of Proposed Action:**

This application is to amend existing right-of-way grant N-85070 to construct, maintain, and terminate a 15kV electrical distribution system to service Napa Ridge Unit 5 Phase 2, a new subdivision. The electrical facilities will cross federal managed lands with an area 20' long by 10' wide. A Short term right-of-way is also needed to accommodate the construction of the 15kV distribution system. The STROW measures 20' long by 20' wide. Construction is expected to take 6 months.

This is a CX per 516 DM 11.9 E. Realty (12) "Grants of rights-of-way wholly within the boundaries of other compatibly developed rights-of-way." This project is within other developed ROW's.

## **B. Land Use Plan Conformance**

### **Land Use Plan Name:**

Las Vegas Resource Management Plan and final Environmental Impact Statement (RMP), and the record of decision for the approved Las Vegas Resource Management Plan and Final Environmental Impact Statement.

### **Date Approved/Amended:**

RMP dated October 5, 1998

**The proposed action is in conformance with the LUP, even though it is not specifically provided for, because it is clearly consistent with the following LUP decision(s) (objectives, terms, and conditions) :**

ROW Management. Objective: ROW-1. "Meet public demand and reduce impacts to sensitive resources by providing an orderly system of development for transportation, including legal access to private inholdings, communications, flood control, major utility transmission lines, and related facilities."

Management Direction. Objective: RW-1-h. "All public land within the planning area, excepted as stated in RW1-c through 1-g, are available at the discretion of the agency for rights-of-way under the authority of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act."

## **C. Compliance with NEPA:**

The Proposed Action is categorically excluded from further documentation under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) in accordance with 516 DM 2, Appendix 1, or 516 DM 11.9, E/ (12): "Grants of right-of-way wholly within the boundaries of the other compatibly developed rights-of-ways."

Casefile N-86256, Clark County Road, and N-85808, Las Vegas Valley Water District, are both located within the compatible area of this ROW for the electrical facilities located near Cougar Avenue and Crystal Basin Road.

This categorical exclusion is appropriate in this situation because there are no extraordinary circumstances potentially having effects that may significantly affect the environment. The proposed action has been reviewed, and none of the extraordinary circumstances described in 516 DM 2 apply.

Comments providing substantive new information relevant to the analysis and mitigation measures have been incorporated into the Exhibit A Stipulations which are attached to this document.

I have reviewed the plan conformance statement and have determined that the proposed action is in conformance with the approved land use plan and that no further environmental analysis is required.

#### **D. Approval and Contact Information**

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